Solution of Punjab problem

1056. PROF. C: LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to take a fresh initiative to solve the Punjab problem; and

(b) if so, whether talks will be initiated with the parties concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government has made sincere efforts to implement the Punjab Accord and further efforts in this direction are continuing.

Social Forestry in Orissa

1057. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total area covered by the social forestry scheme so far in Orissa;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) what is the percentage of survival after plantation; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any initiative to ensure better survival of the plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A total area of 86,945 ha. is covered so far in Orissa under Social Forestry Scheme.

(b) As reported by State Government total amount of Rs. 2,201 lakhs has been spent upto March 1987 on Social Forestry Scheme.

(c) On the basis of sample surveys conducted by the State, the survival percentage of plantation is about 55 per cent of 1984 plantation and over 70 per cent for 1985 and 1986 plantations.

(d) The State Government has indicated that they have taken steps to ensure better survival of plans by improving the people's participation and steps are also being taken to declare the plantation as village forest under the Forest Act.

Exports by MMTC from Paradeep Port

1058. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports made by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during 1985 and 1986 from Paradeep port and so far during 1987 along with the value thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that some materials collected by the M.M.T.C. from Orissa are being exported through Visakhapatnam and Calcutta ports and not through Paradeep; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Export of material from Paradeep Port by MMTC during 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto June) are as under :—

Qty. in Lakhs Tonnes

Value in Rs. Crores

Item	1985		1986		1987 (upto June) (Provisional)	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
Iron ore	18.89	36.82	18.89	38.02	11.42	22.1
Chrome ore	2.21	24.18	0.80	10.21	0.25	2.78
Manganese ore	0.16	0.63	..	..	..	..

Q—Quantity V—Value